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... a position in a fast-paced, prestigious organization with great potential for personal development and advancement?

Are you interested in

... having an opportunity to influence and affect public policy through the State budget and legislative processes?

Would you find

... working with the top management level of State Government and with the State Legislature exciting and rewarding?

***Consider a career with the
California Department of Finance!***

INFORMATION

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The Department of Finance is an equal employment opportunity employer.

LOCATION

The Department of Finance is located across the street from the capitol in Sacramento, California. The region offers affordable living and a variety of recreation opportunities. Sacramento is bordered by two major rivers, has a developing rapid transit system, and is close to popular attractions such as Lake Tahoe, the Napa Valley wine country, and San Francisco. The city offers a wide array of cultural attractions and specialty restaurants.

Because the city sits at the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers and is located only an hour west of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, Sacramento residents take advantage of the many opportunities for outdoor activity, such as cycling and running along the American River bikeways, fishing and boating on the rivers, skiing and snowboarding in the winter, and year-round mountain biking, hiking, and camping. Competitive sports are also popular in Sacramento with it being host to the California International Marathon and Epi's Great Race and offering year-round intramural sports, such as softball, soccer, and basketball.

Nicknamed the City of Trees, Sacramento is well-known for its trees, parks, and older neighborhoods. It has several great neighborhoods with reasonably-priced homes that range from the charm and historical beauty of homes built in the 40's to new developments. Midtown Sacramento is a great place to live for young professionals as it is home to many restaurants, bars, community theatres, and art galleries and is a short and convenient walk to downtown. Sacramento is also at the forefront of the Farm-to-Fork movement and offers year-round farmers markets, fresh meals sourced directly from over a million acres of regional farmland, and an excellent culinary scene.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

A Challenging Career



JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE

Department of Finance

The Department of Finance offers employment opportunities in the areas of:

- Budget Preparation, Enactment and Administration
- Financial and Economic Research
- Legislative Analysis
- Program Evaluation
- Information Technology
- Demographic Research
- Auditing Systems and Support Services

Employment with the Department of Finance provides the opportunity for travel, involvement with proposals that affect or influence the citizens of the State and the operations of State government, as well as personal and professional development through work and training. State employees enjoy an excellent benefit package including vacation and sick leave, holiday time off, health, dental, and vision care, retirement, and a variety of savings plans.

The Governor's Budget

Budget staff endeavor to ensure the financial integrity of the State through the planned allocation of State resources. The budget units have responsibility for the preparation, enactment, and administration of the governor's budget. Each budget analyst must be aware of the policies of the Administration, legislative intent, and be thoroughly familiar with the goals, programs, and funding issues with respect to his/her assignment. During the enactment phase of the budget, budget analysts appear before legislative committees to testify on behalf of the governor's proposed budget. After enactment of the budget, staff assist in the administration of the budget. Throughout the process, budget staff work with the top management level of State government and legislative staff regarding fiscal and programmatic policies of the Administration.

Budget staff provide analyses of bills introduced in the Legislature and make recommendations to the governor's Office regarding the Administration's position on the bills. These analyses inform both the governor and the Legislature of the fiscal and programmatic implications of the bills, including additional mandated costs to local governments.

Representatives of the Department of Finance appear before the appropriations and tax committees of the Legislature to provide testimony regarding the Administration's position on bills which are being considered.

Audits and Program Evaluations

To improve operating efficiency and performance of State agencies and to ascertain the need for changes in programs or levels of support, audit and program evaluation staff systematically review and evaluate State-administered and financed programs. Alternatives are provided to more effectively satisfy identified needs. Audit and program evaluation experience gained in the

Department of Finance can be considered as "qualifying experience" for meeting CPA/CIA requirements.

Financial, Economic, and Demographic Research

Department of Finance staff provide revenue estimates to assist the executive branch in preparing the State financial plan, analyses of financial legislation, and evaluations of financial development important to State government. Research analysts prepare economic forecasts on a comprehensive basis. California data are developed and maintained, forecasting models are built and maintained, analyses are prepared on various economic developments, and advice is provided to assist State departments and local government agencies.

The Department of Finance is also the single source for official demographic and enrollment data for the State of California. These estimates and projections are used by the federal government, county and local governments, academic institutions and school districts, and private organizations. The State Census Data Center coordinates special censuses and provides consultation and data from censuses and surveys.

CALSTARS

The California State Accounting and Reporting System (CALSTARS) has been developed to accurately and systematically account for all revenues, expenditures, receipts, and disbursements of State agencies. This program incorporates the efforts of the State toward development of a modern and complete accounting system for each State agency. Such efforts improve the timeliness and accuracy of financial information, standardize the accounting and reporting functions within State agencies, and expand their accounting and reporting capabilities.